

FEES DUE

A check in the amount of \$65.00 for late oath or declaration is attached.

REMARKS

Claims 12-13 have been amended herein. Claims 12 now depends from Claim 11 and Claim 13 depends from Claim 12. I respectfully submit that the total number of independent claims, after amendment, is 2 and the total number of dependent claims is 11. Support for the amended claims is found at least in the instant specification (see page 13, lines 5- 8 and page 14, lines 20-21).

CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the notice of missing parts.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,
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